AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 20, 2005

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1578

Introduced by Assembly Member Bermudez

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 41858 to the Education Code, relating to school transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1578, as amended, Bermudez. Home-to-school transportation: East Whittier City School District.

Existing law requires a school district or county office of education to receive a home-to-school transportation allowance equal to the amount received in the prior fiscal year, but not to exceed the prior year's approved home-to-school transportation costs as increased by the amount provided in the annual Budget Act.

This bill would require the home-to-school transportation allowance received by the East Whittier City School District in the 2006–07 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter to be computed as if the home-to-school transportation allowance received by the school district in the 2005–06 school year was \$296,551 \$175,000, subject to specified contingencies.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 41858 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:

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1 41858. For purposes of this article and Article 10.5 2 (commencing with Section 41860), the home-to-school transportation allowance received by the East Whittier City 3 School District in the 2006–07 fiscal year and each fiscal year 4 thereafter shall be computed as if the home-to-school 5 transportation allowance received by the school district in the 6 7 2005–06 school year was two hundred ninety-six thousand five 8 hundred fifty-one dollars (\$296,551) one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000). The amounts allocated to the East 10 Whittier City School District pursuant to this section are contingent upon approval of the district's home-to-school 11 transportation costs and may not exceed those costs. The 12 13 allocation to the East Whittier City School District pursuant to 14 this section is contingent on an increase in the appropriation for 15 home-to-school transportation, provided specifically for that purpose, in the annual Budget Act or in another statute. 16 17

SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the unique circumstances that prevent the East Whittier City School District from receiving state funding for home-to-school transportation.